



ISSUE THREE



EVAN NARCISSE - MIGUEL MENDONÇA - WIL QUINTANA

BATMAN *Static* BEYOND



13+
TEEN

**THE FINAL FOUR
ARE PUT TO THE
ABSOLUTE TEST!**



K.O. #4



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A FIVE-ISSUE EVENT
THE BIGGEST TWIST
YET ROCKS THE OMEGA
TOURNAMENT
IN FEBRUARY

**GO BEYOND
THE DC UNIVERSE**
IN CAN'T-MISS DC K.O. TIE-IN
TITLES THIS FEBRUARY!



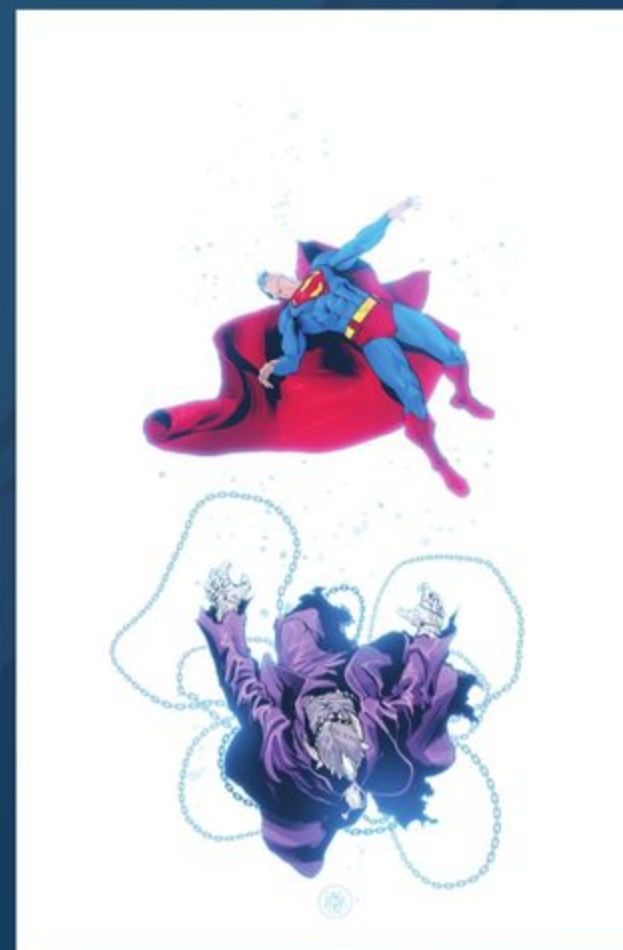
DC K.O. BOSS BATTLE #1



DC K.O.: KNIGHTFIGHT #4



JUSTICE LEAGUE
UNLIMITED #16



SUPERMAN #35



THE FLASH #30



TITANS #32

THE UNBELIEVABLE CONCLUSION OF
THE DC K.O. SAGA
EXPLODES IN MARCH!

--EMERGENCY
RADIO BROADCAST
ZZZT SCATTERED
POWER OUTAGES--

--CITIES ALL
AROUND THE WORLD
INCAPACITATED--

--CAUSE STILL
UNKNOWN--

--EMERGENCY
SERVICES DOING
EVERYTHING
THEY CAN--

--SIGNAL **FRTZZ**
INTERMITTENT--

--JUSTICE
LEAGUE GLOBAL
RESPONSE--

McGINNIS!

McGINNIS!

UNHHHH...



BRUCE?
HOW--



--RADIO RECEIVERS
FRTTZZ OLD JUSTICE
LEAGUE **FRTTZZ**
COMMUNICATOR
FREQUENCIES...

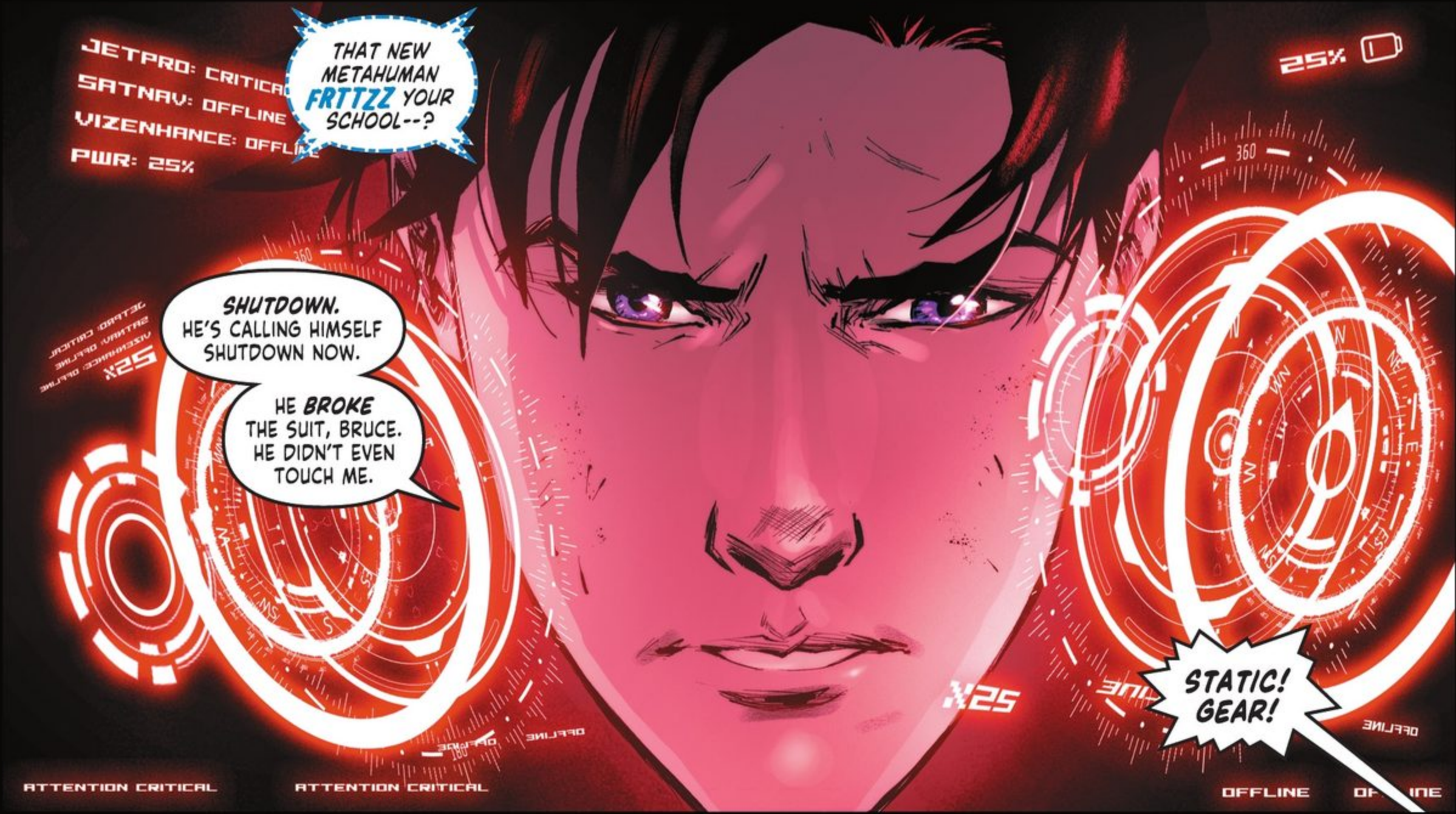
WHERE'S
FRTTZZ
STATIC?!

HE...
IT...IT'S ALL
DOWN.

THE BATCAVE.



--LAST BURST OF
SUIT TELEMETRY **FRTTZZ**
DAMAGE **FRTTZZ** MULTIPLE
SYSTEMS.



25%

JETPRO: CRITICAL
SATNAV: OFFLINE
VIZENHANCE: OFFLINE
PWR: 25%

THAT NEW
METAHUMAN
FRTTZZ YOUR
SCHOOL--?

SHUTDOWN.
HE'S CALLING HIMSELF
SHUTDOWN NOW.

HE **BROKE**
THE SUIT, BRUCE.
HE DIDN'T EVEN
TOUCH ME.

STATIC!
GEAR!

ATTENTION CRITICAL

ATTENTION CRITICAL

OFFLINE OFFLINE



STATIC?!
OH MY GOD!

IS HE--

RAQUEL ERVIN,
MAYOR OF DAKOTA.

AMISTAD
ERVIN,
BEACON.

HE'S
ALIVE.

RICHE
FOLEY,
GEAR.

POWER'S
OUT ACROSS
THE WHOLE CITY!
WHAT HAPPENED
HERE?!

THAT BANG
BABY FROM
GOTHAM--UNGH--
IT ALL HAPPENED
SO FAST--

HE
OVERPOWERED
US.

MORE LIKE
DEPOWERED US.
SEEMED LIKE HE
DISRUPTS THE FLOW
OF ENERGY?

HAD A RUN-IN
WITH HIM ON THE BRIDGE
AND MY **INERTIA ARMOR** KEEPS
GLITCHING OUT. ALMOST
DIDN'T MAKE IT HERE.

SOME OF THE PEOPLE
I RESCUED SAID HE WAS
YELLING ABOUT **Q-TECH**.
SOUNDED LIKE HE WAS
IN **PAIN**, TOO.

STATIC TRIED
TALKING TO HIM BUT
WOUND UP TAKING THE
BRUNT OF SHUTDOWN'S
ATTACK.

HE SHOULD
BE WAKING UP,
THOUGH! WHY'S HE
STILL KNOCKED
OUT?!



OKAY, LET'S SAY SHUTDOWN LIVES UP TO HIS NAME AND HE'S LIKE A LIVING **POWER OUTAGE**.

AND STATIC'S BASICALLY A LIGHTNING STORM IN HUMAN FORM. SO HE'S BEEN **SHORTED** OUT.



GIVEN HOW MUCH ENERGY HIS BODY USUALLY PROCESSES, STATIC PROBABLY NEEDS A GIGAWATT **JUMP START**.

AND HOW DO WE MANAGE THAT? ALL WE GOT IS A **BLOWN-UP** POWER PLANT, THREE SETS OF BUSTED ARMOR, AND THREE POWERLESS SUPERHEROES.



EITHER OF YOU GOT ANY **RESERVE POWER** LEFT THAT I COULD SIPHON?

NOT ENOUGH TO DO VERY MUCH, BUT YEAH.

NO OFFENSE, DUDE, BUT I DON'T KNOW YOU OR WHAT KIND OF PLAN YOU'RE COOKING UP.



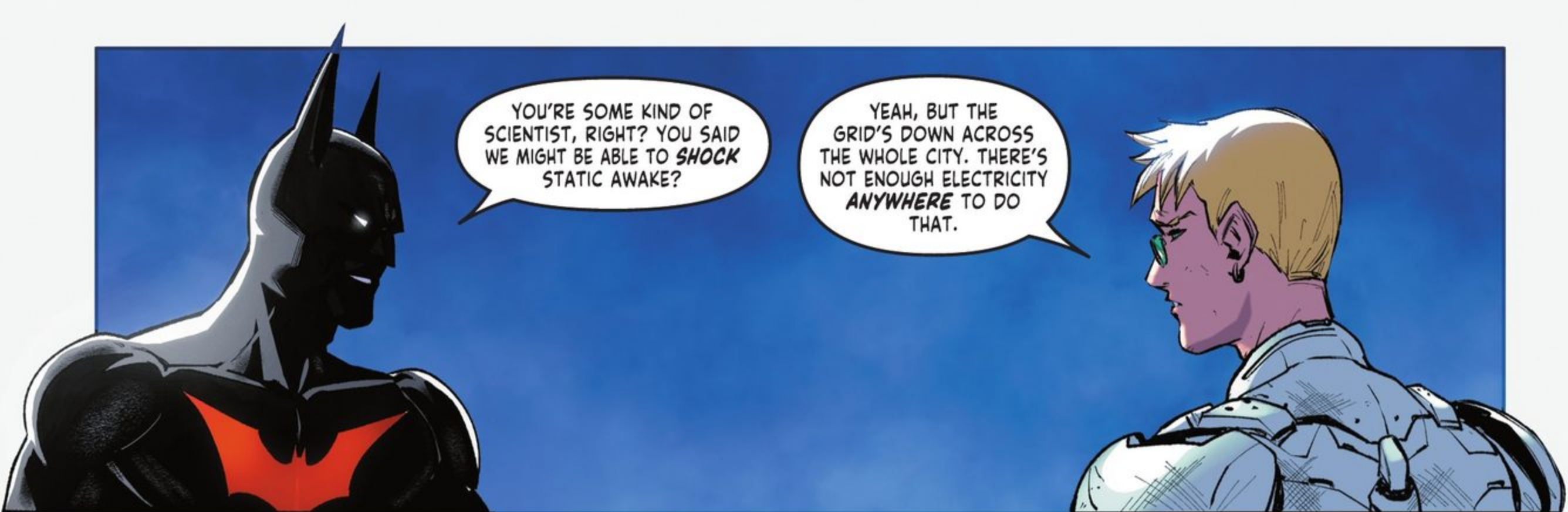
CODE NAME'S **BEACON** AND DAKOTA'S MY HOME. NOW YOU KNOW ME.

AS FOR MY PLAN...RIGHT NOW, I'M TRYING TO **HELP** THAT MAN OVER THERE!

YOU MIGHT NOT EVEN BE ALIVE IF NOT FOR HIM!

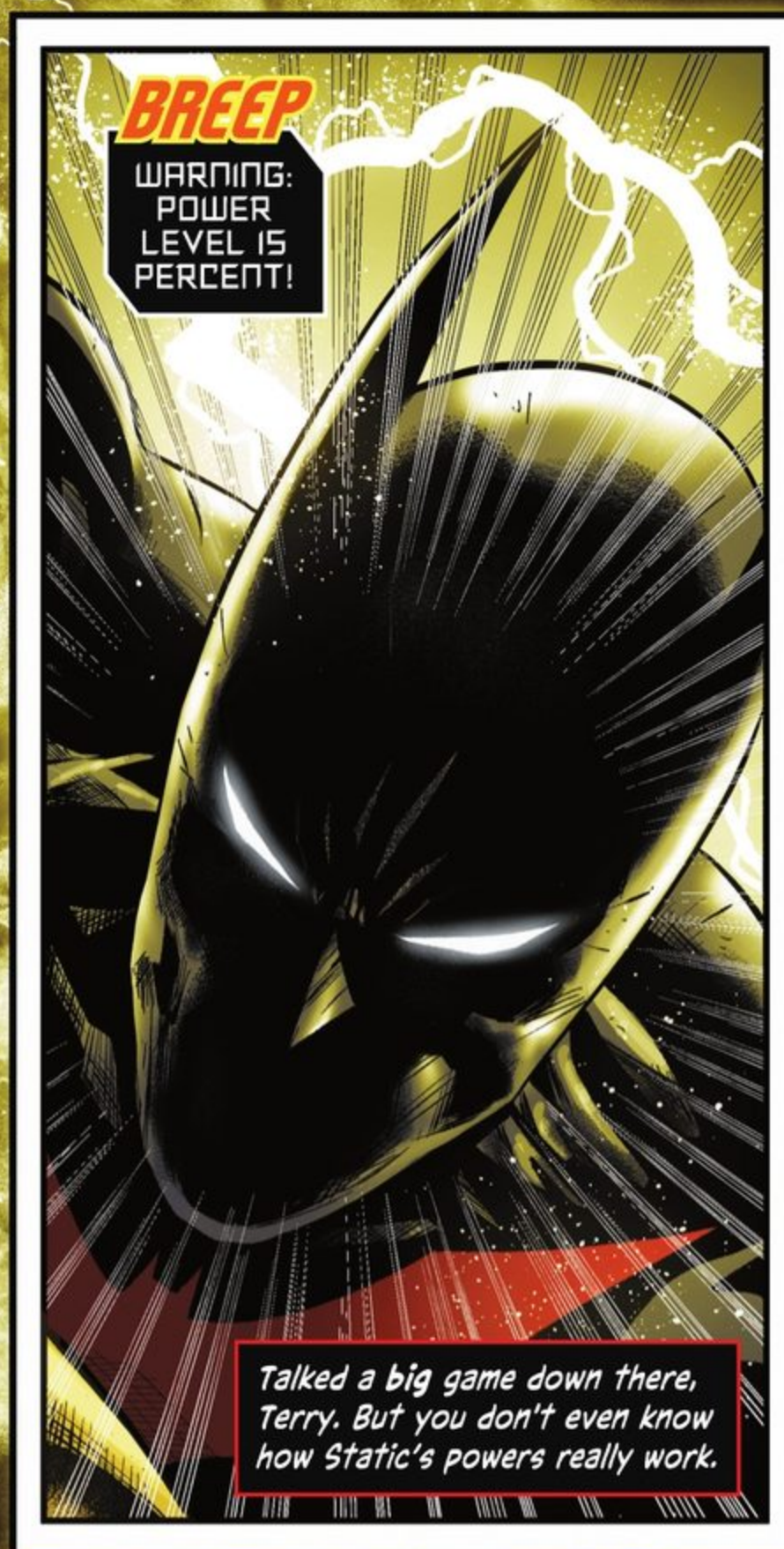


YOU'RE RIGHT. AND SOMETHING YOU FOLKS JUST SAID GAVE ME AN **IDEA**.





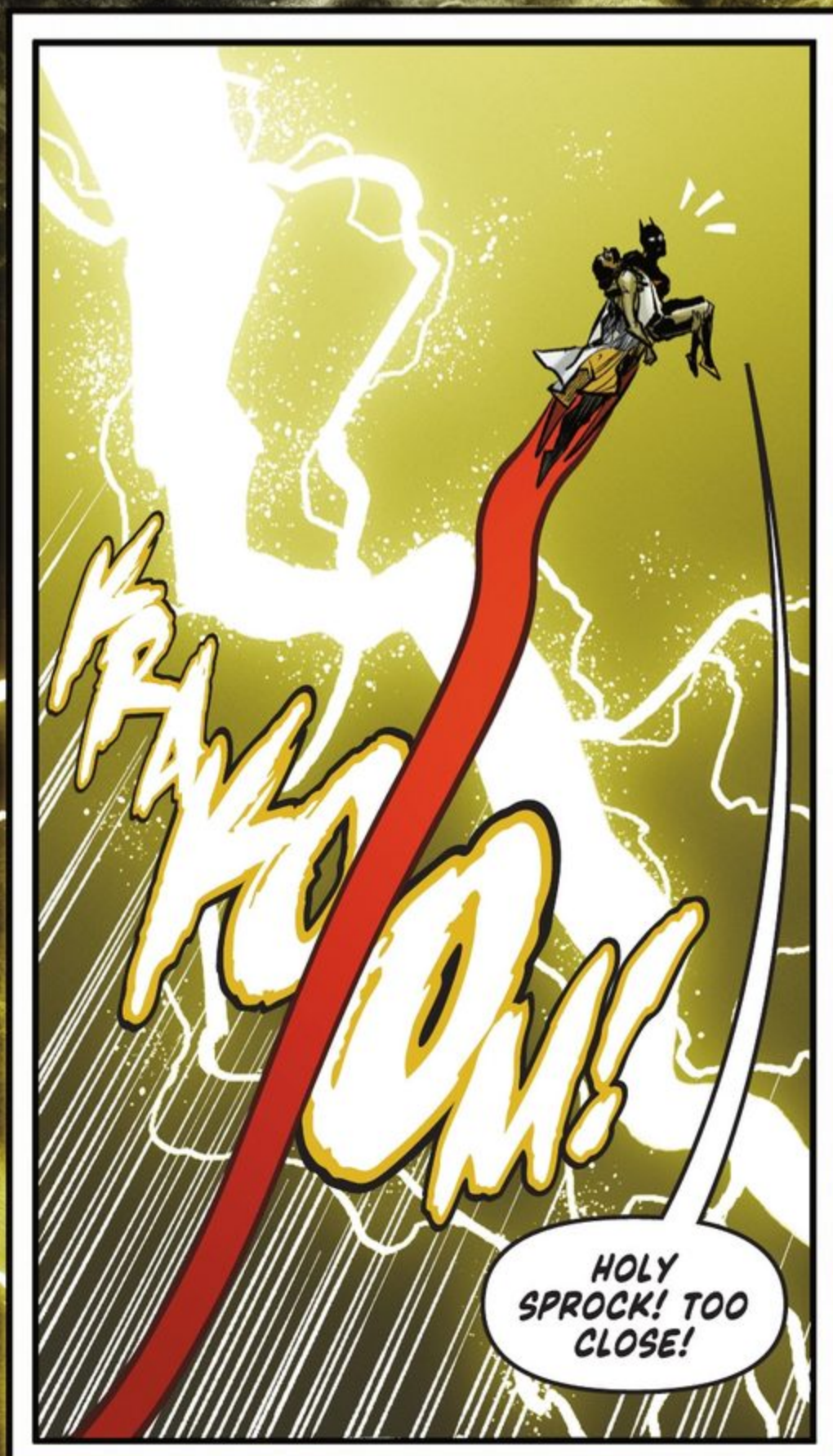
At least the updrafts are helping me save on power. Getting closer now.



BREEP

WARNING:
POWER
LEVEL 15
PERCENT!

Talked a big game down there, Terry. But you don't even know how Static's powers really work.



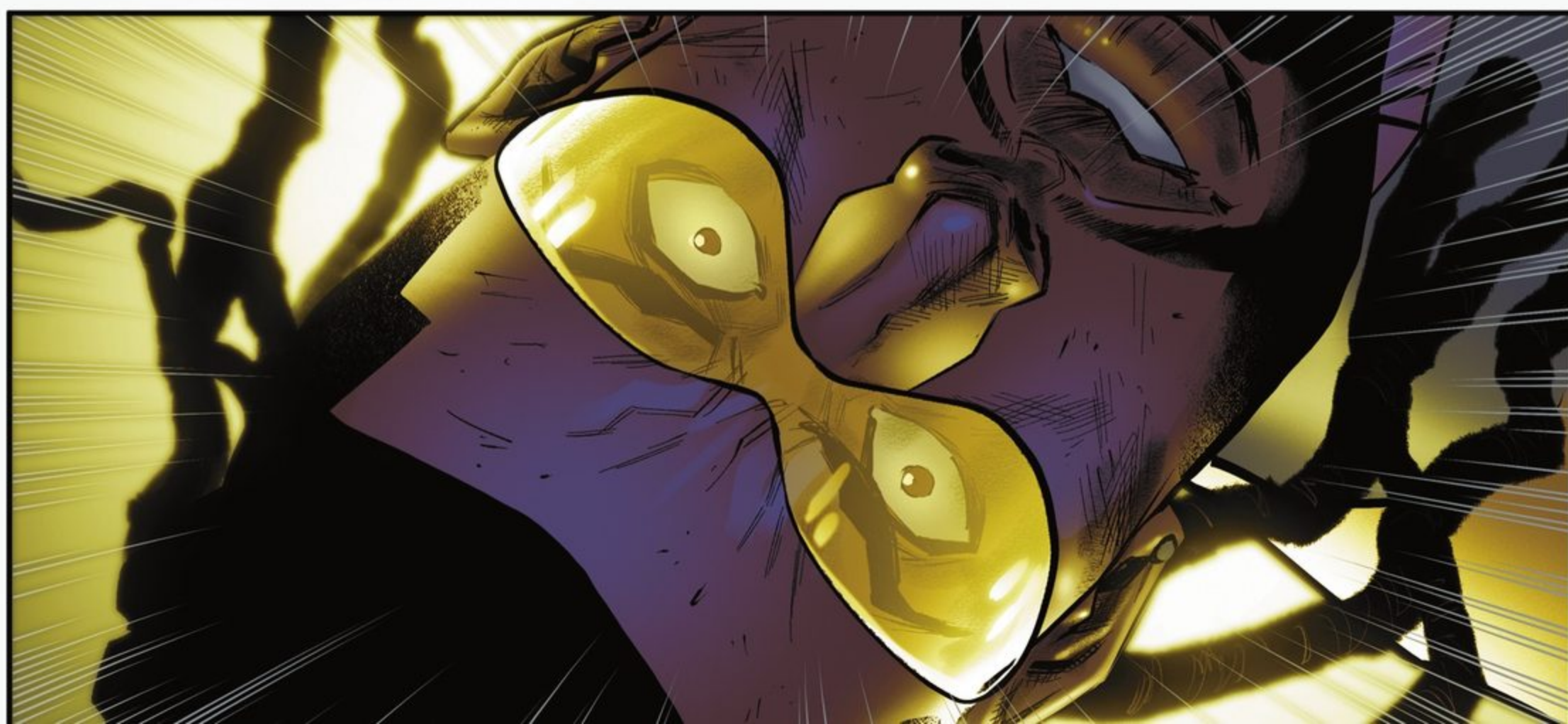
HOLY
SPROCK! TOO
CLOSE!



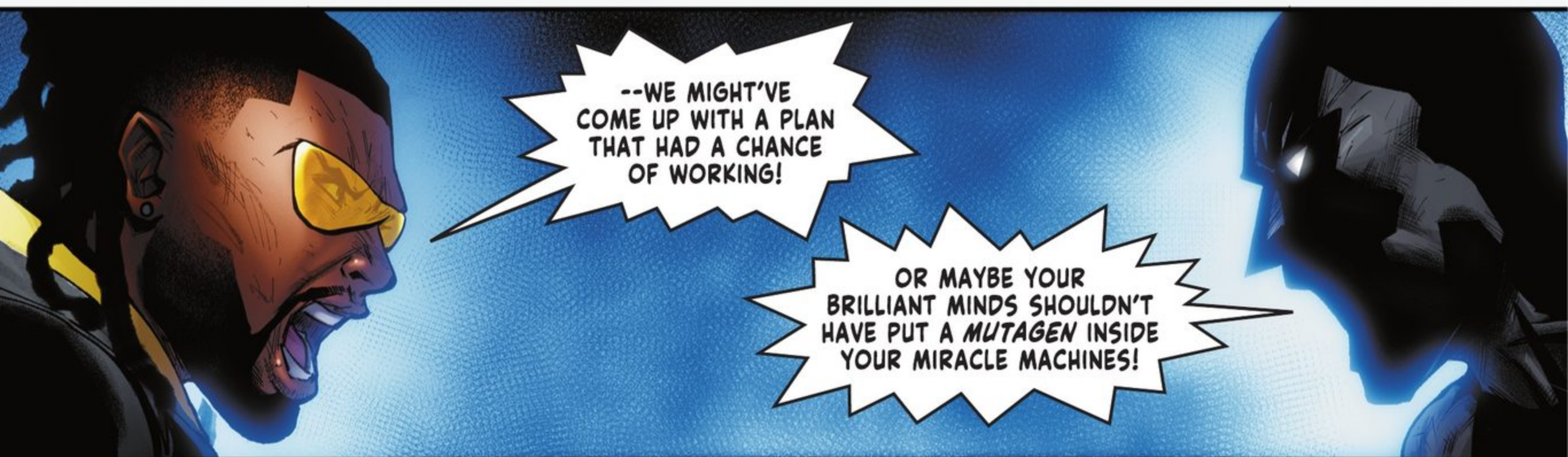
BREEP

WARNING:
POWER
LEVEL 7
PERCENT!

STATIC!
C'MON, MAN,
YOU GOTTA
WAKE UP!











SAFE TO ASSUME MOST GPS SYSTEMS ARE DOWN. YOU KNOW HOW TO GET BACK HOME?

HEAD EAST. AND, UH, NORTH.



IN CASE YOU GET LOST. THESE WON'T TELL YOU WHEN TO TURN...SO **PAY ATTENTION.**



FOUND THESE WHILE RUMMAGING AROUND. THIS IS HOW BRUCE GOT A HOLD OF YOU BEFORE, FYI.



HEY, LISTEN... I KNOW YOU'VE GOT BIG SHOES TO FILL.



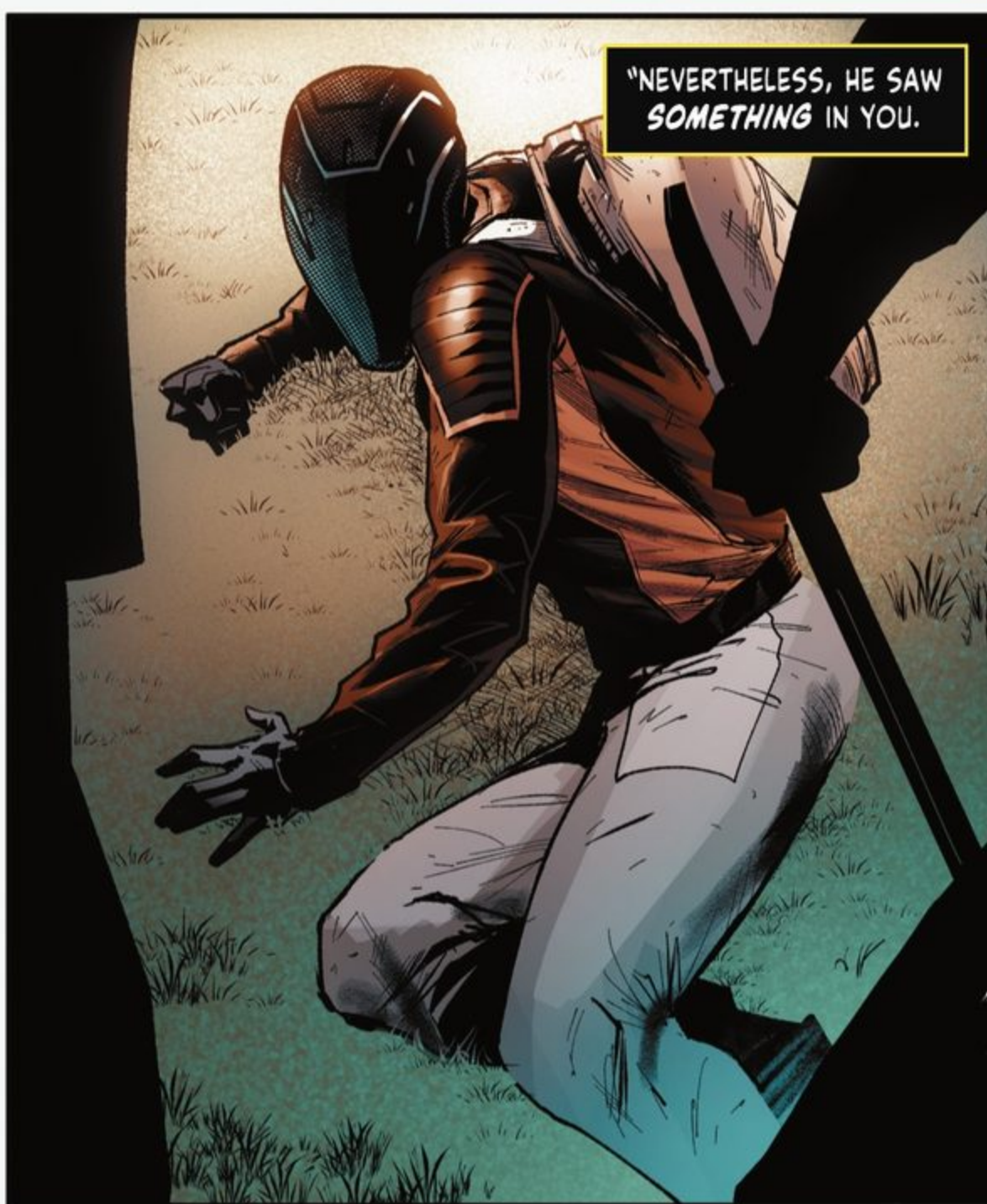
“EVERYBODY LOOKS AT YOU AND EXPECTS YOU TO WHIP OUT SOME KIND OF CRAZY SAVE-THE-DAY SURPRISE, LIKE YOUR **BOSS** USED TO DO.”



"EXCEPT TALKING TO PEOPLE."



"WATCHING YOU MOVE... WELL, IT'S *CLEAR* YOU DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF TRAINING."



"NEVERTHELESS, HE SAW *SOMETHING* IN YOU."



"BUT, BECAUSE HE'S *HIM*, HE DIDN'T TELL YOU WHAT THAT SPECIAL THING IS."



"YOU NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS AND SHARPEN IT."



"BATMAN IS YOURS NOW. MAKE IT WORK FOR *YOU*, AND NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND."

HEY, DAISY.
VIRGIL HOME? HOW'S
HE DOING?

NOT GREAT,
RICHIE. HE GOT BACK
FROM DISTRIBUTING
AID A LITTLE WHILE
AGO.



"HE TOLD ME THAT SOME THUGS
SHOWED UP TRYING TO STRONG-ARM
THE SUPPLIES FOR *THEMSELVES*."

"ALWAYS GONNA BE
JERKS TRYING TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
A CRISIS, RIGHT?"



"STATIC USED TO BE ABLE TO **STOP** BULLETS
BEFORE THEY GOT ANYWHERE NEAR HIM."



"NOT ANYMORE.
THAT FIGHT WITH
SHUTDOWN **REALLY**
MESSED HIM UP.



"HE'S THE ONLY
ONE WHO GOT
HURT TODAY.



"BUT SOMEONE ELSE COULD'VE
BEEN INJURED OR KILLED. AND YOU
KNOW THAT'S EATING AWAY AT HIM.



"COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, HE
SINGLE-HANDEDLY DE-POWERED
A FLEET OF ALIEN WARSHIPS.



"NOW, HE
CAN BARELY
STOP A
BUNCH OF
BASIC-###
THIEVES."



HEY, BUD.
HEARD YOU DID SOME
GOOD OUT THERE,
TODAY.

COULDN'T DO
AS MUCH GOOD AS
I **NEEDED** TO.



I CAN **STILL**
FEEL ALL OF IT
MOVING AROUND,
Y'KNOW?



...BUT IT'S LIKE
THERE'S STILL TRACES OF
SHUTDOWN'S DISRUPTION
LINGERING...

...MAKING
IT **HARDER** TO TAP
INTO THE FLOW AND
CONTROL IT.



"SPENT ALL THESE
YEARS **LEARNING**
TO TOUCH DIFFERENT
KINDS OF ENERGY.



AND
NOW WHEN I
NEED THOSE
TECHNIQUES
MOST--



WE'LL
FIGURE THIS OUT
TOGETHER,
BRO.

GET SOME
REST. WE'VE
GOT THAT THING AT
THE INSTITUTE
LATER.



I CAN'T KEEP LIVING LIKE THIS, MATT. NOT KNOWING WHERE MY **BABY** IS. IF HE'S EVEN ALIVE OR...

DON'T LOSE FAITH, HON. WE'LL KEEP LOOKING AND--

RSSTL



WHO'S THERE?!

IT...IT'S ME, DAD. IT'S **MELVIN**.

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! **WHERE** HAVE YOU BEEN?!



ARE YOU OKAY? COME INTO THE **LIGHT** SO WE CAN--

NO! I MEAN, YOU MIGHT GET **HURT** IF YOU TOUCH ME...

WHY ARE YOU WEARING ONE OF OUR OLD SKI MASKS?



SOMETHING HAPPENED AT THE Q-GRID PROTEST.



SOMETHING THAT **CHANGED** ME.



THIS BLACKOUT... **YOU** HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT?!



"ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS TO STOP THAT JUNK FROM DAKOTA FROM COMING TO GOTHAM..."



MELVIN, WAIT. HOLD ON...

YOUR MOTHER AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE Q-GRID INITIATIVE.

WHAT?! ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

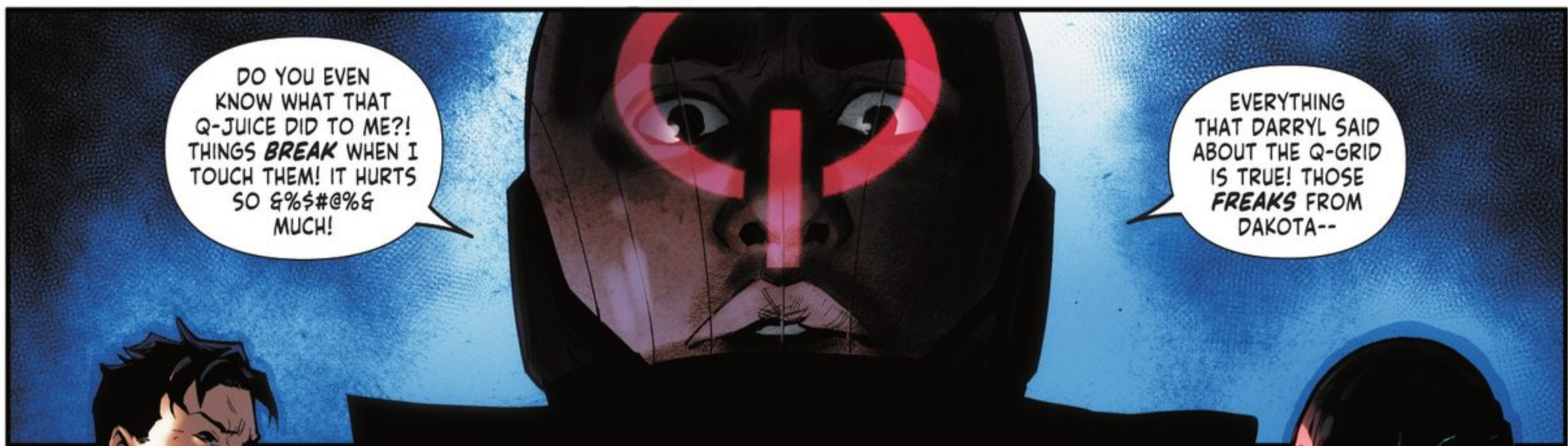


"IT'S TRUE. WE COULDN'T TELL ANYONE. THE SECURITY PROTOCOLS REQUIRED **TOTAL** SECURITY."



TOTAL SECRECY?! FROM YOUR OWN SON?!

IF YOU HAD TOLD US WHAT YOU WERE DOING, WHERE YOU WERE GOING, WE COULD'VE **PREVENTED** THIS!



DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT Q-JUICE DID TO ME?! THINGS **BREAK** WHEN I TOUCH THEM! IT HURTS SO &%\$#@%& MUCH!

EVERYTHING THAT DARRYL SAID ABOUT THE Q-GRID IS TRUE! THOSE **FREAKS** FROM DAKOTA--



THEY'RE PEOPLE, JUST LIKE US! NOT FREAKS!

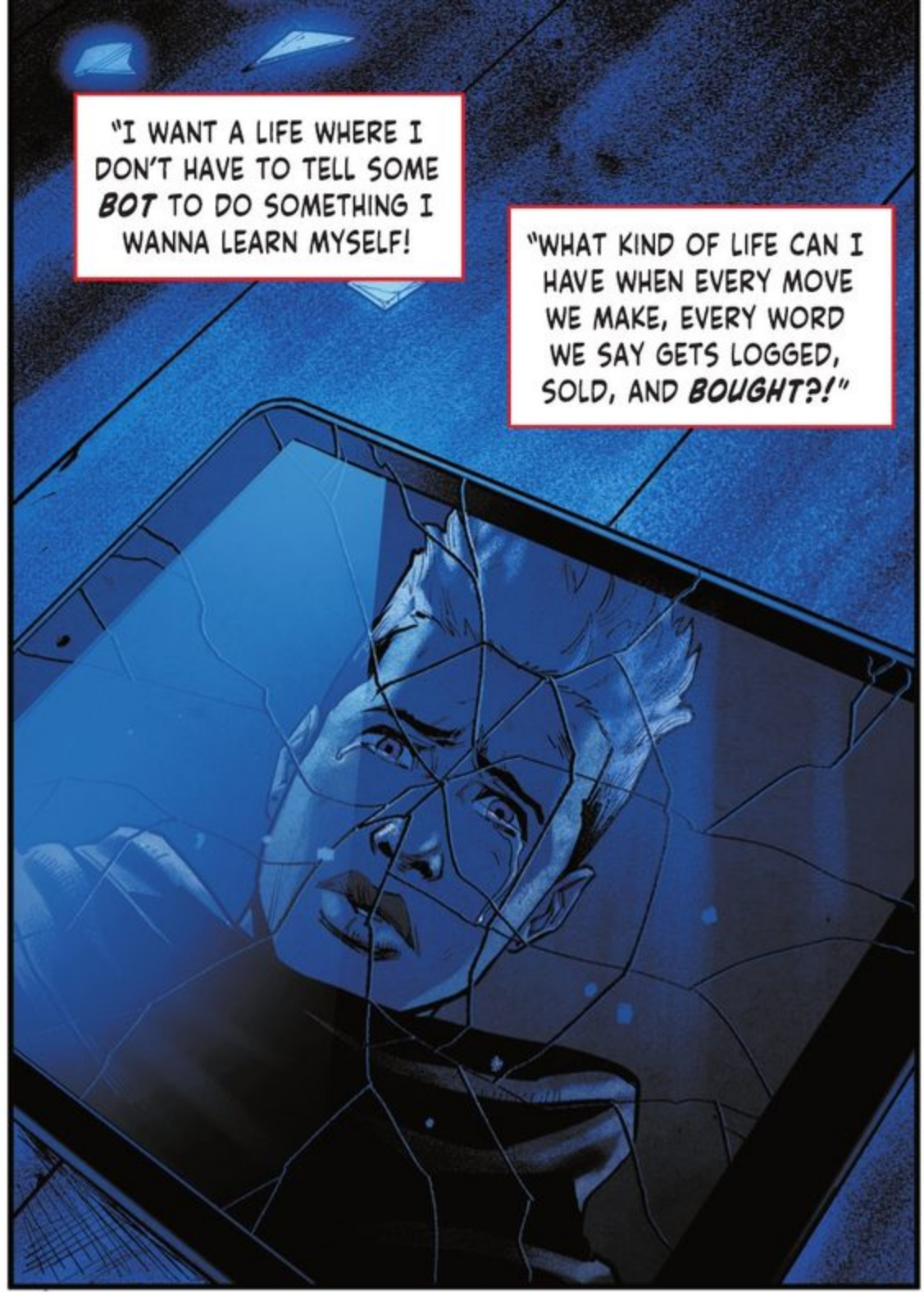
AND THEY WANT TO GIVE PEOPLE ACCESS TO RESOURCES THEY NEED TO MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER! WE WANT THAT, TOO!

HELPING A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WE DON'T KNOW?! WITH SOME %#\$@ THAT A CITY OF **METAS** IS TRYING TO SHOVE DOWN OUR THROATS?! WHY?! WHAT ABOUT **MY** LIFE?!



YOUR LIFE?!
YOU GOT **EVERYTHING**
YOU WANTED! NOTEBOOKS
AND PENS INSTEAD
OF SCREENS!

I WANTED A
LIFE WHERE I **DIDN'T**
HAVE TO SCHEDULE TIME
AROUND MY PARENTS'
JOBS!



"I WANT A LIFE WHERE I
DON'T HAVE TO TELL SOME
BOT TO DO SOMETHING I
WANNA LEARN MYSELF!

"WHAT KIND OF LIFE CAN I
HAVE WHEN EVERY MOVE
WE MAKE, EVERY WORD
WE SAY GETS LOGGED,
SOLD, AND **BOUGHT?!"**



YES, WE
RAISED YOU TO BE
SKEPTICAL! BUT ALL
THIS **DESTRUCTION?!**
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN FOR
MAKING THE WORLD
BETTER?!

I'M GONNA
FINISH WHAT I
STARTED AND STOP
ALL OF THIS!



NO, NO,
NO! NOT **NOW!**
I WANNA
STAY--



DID YOU SEE? HE
COULDN'T CONTROL
WHATEVER JUST
HAPPENED!

THESE NEW
ABILITIES HE HAS...
HE MAY NOT EVEN FULLY
UNDERSTAND THEM
YET, DEB.

HE
NEEDS OUR
HELP...

"...BUT HOW ARE WE EVEN GOING TO FIND HIM?!"

STALACTITE TO **FRTTZZ** STALAGMITE! COME IN! **ZZZZT** DAMMIT!

NEO-GOTHAM.

STALAGMITE TO STALACTITE, I READ YOU.

HRRRN. THE CAVE'S RUNNING ON **BACKUP GENERATORS** BUT THERE ARE GRID FAILURES ALL OVER.

I'M FINE, BY THE WAY. THANKS FOR ASKING.

STATIC TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED IN DAKOTA. YOU MAY BE **ALIVE** BUT YOU'RE NOT "FINE."

"THE JUSTICE LEAGUE'S WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD AND SOLAR BATTERIES, AND TO HELP WITH GLOBAL **CRISIS** RESPONSE.

"THE SUN'S COMING UP NOW AND THAT WILL HELP. BUT THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE IN **CHAOS** WITH EVERY NIGHT.

WE NEED YOU BACK HERE TO **PLAN**, MCGINNIS...

I HAVE FAMILY OUT THERE. GOTTA CHECK ON THINGS AT HOME FIRST.

YOU'RE IGNORING ME AGAIN! WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME YOU RUSHED OUT OF HERE WITHOUT A PLAN?!

YOU'RE ALWAYS TELLING ME TO **USE** THE DARKNESS, RIGHT?!

THE PLAN WAS TO TAKE MELVIN BY **SURPRISE!**



AND WHEN THAT DIDN'T WORK? WHAT WAS YOUR PLAN THEN?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO SECOND-GUESS ME ALL THE TIME, MAYBE I'LL JUST HANG UP THE SUIT!

click



MCGINNIS?! WHETHER YOU LISTEN TO ME OR NOT, THIS CITY STILL NEEDS BATMAN!



LATER...

SURPRISED YOU STOPPED BY, DUDE.

OF COURSE, MAX. HAD TO MAKE SURE MATT AND MOM WERE OKAY. GOING TO THE CAVE TO GET LECTURED CAN WAIT.



THE WORST PART IS THAT THE OLD MAN'S RIGHT. THOUGHT I COULD STOP MELVIN WITH SURPRISE AND A FEW PUNCHES TO THE FACE.

ALL OF THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE I MESSED UP.



NOW THE BAT SUIT'S FRIED. DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I CAN STILL BE BATMAN.

YOU DON'T NEED A CYBERNETIC GETUP TO BE BATMAN.

DEFINITELY MAKES IT EASIER, THOUGH.



BAWTHOOM

WHAT THE HECK?!

GET INSIDE! I'M GONNA GO SEE IF ANYBODY NEEDS HELP!





THANK YOU, **EVERYONE**,
FOR COMING. FOR THOSE WHO
MAY NOT KNOW ME, MY NAME
IS **ADAM EVANS**.

Y'KNOW, AFTER
THE BLACKOUT, SOME
PEOPLE SAID WE SHOULD
CANCEL TODAY'S
GRADUATION.



I TOLD THEM
THAT WE'RE NOT AFRAID
OF THE DARKNESS HERE. AND
THAT WE **DON'T** GIVE UP
ON OUR CHILDREN.

CLAP CLAP CLAP



SOME OF Y'ALL
MIGHT REMEMBER THAT
I WAS **KIDNAPPED** WHEN
I WAS A KID. MY BROTHER
IVAN RESCUED ME, WITH
SOME HELP FROM
STATIC.

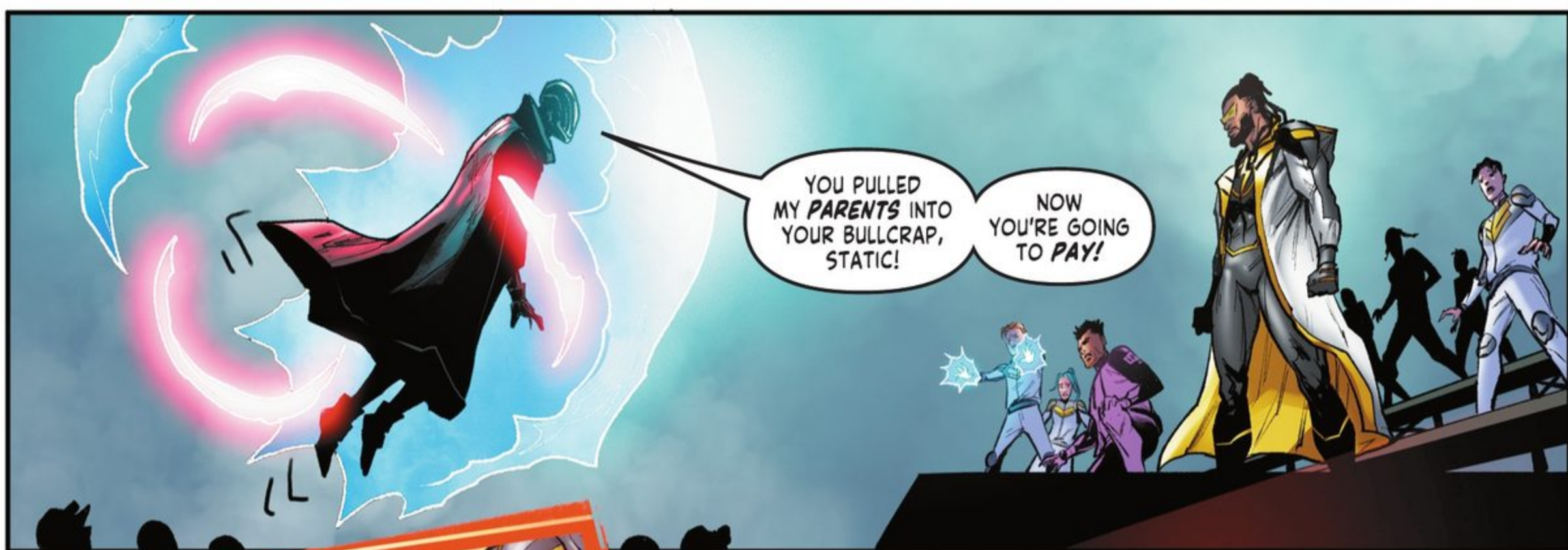


IVAN AND I BOTH **SWORE** THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN
AGAIN. THAT'S WHY WE BUILT THIS PLACE.

SO YOUNG PEOPLE
LIKE THESE COULD LEARN TO
CONTROL THEIR **ABILITIES** TO
KEEP THEMSELVES AND THEIR
COMMUNITIES SAFE--



SHOCK





...SHOW HIM
HOW WE DO IT IN
DAKOTA!

TO BE CONTINUED!

BATMAN *Static* BEYOND

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VERTIGO

A ZOMBIE STORY WITH HEART. (LOTS OF THEM.)

Bleeding Hearts #1

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**A JAW-DROPPING
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MATURE

VERTIGO IS BACK. AND IT'S NOTHING YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE.



NATION

SPOTLIGHT ON

ALL IN



NEXT LEVEL

After DC K.O., Scott Snyder and Joshua Williamson are helping to take DC All In to the Next Level.

“Josh and I are excited to enter the second phase of DC All In with Next Level,” said Snyder. “From the launch of the *DC All In Special* to the introduction of an Absolute Universe and into the DC K.O. event that we’re right in the middle of now, we’re determined to build on all the fan enthusiasm and story momentum by continuing to take big swings in 2026.”

Which brings Snyder and Williamson to DC Next Level: a series of bold, in-continuity, and creator-forward #1s, starring fan-favorite characters and helmed by some of the best creators in comics. These new Next Level titles will launch alongside dynamic new storylines in DC’s ongoing and limited series as DC All In begins its second act.

“I’m incredibly excited to be involved in this new initiative designed to supercharge DC’s main line,” continued Williamson. “Much like how the Absolute Universe provided a new burst of creative energy with a series of unexpected new series, DC Next Level aims to deliver similar excitement.”

MARCH

■ **LOBO #1**

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■ **DEATHSTROKE: THE TERMINATOR #1**

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■ **BATWOMAN #1**

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Lobo #1 cover by Jorge Corona



Deathstroke: The Terminator #1 cover by Carmine Di Giandomenico



Batwoman #1 cover by DaNi

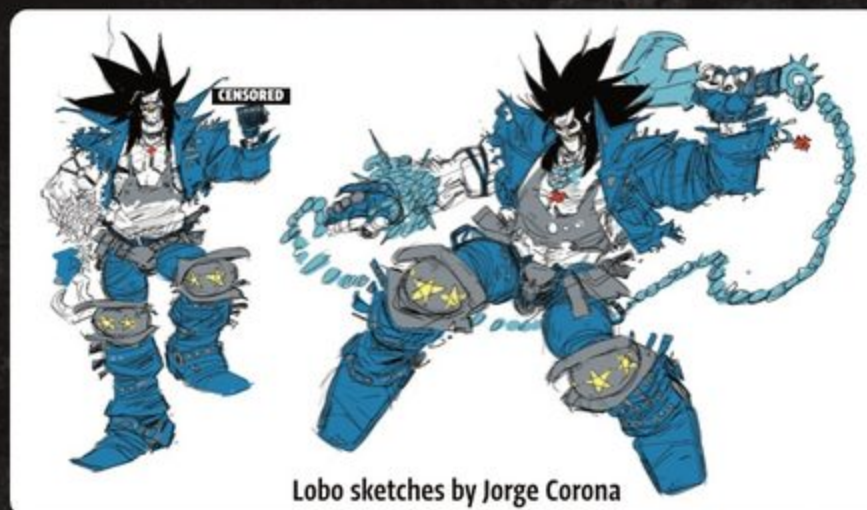
APRIL

■ **THE FURY OF FIRESTORM #1**

WRITTEN BY JEFF LEMIRE
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■ **ZATANNA #1**

WRITTEN AND DRAWN BY
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Lobo sketches by Jorge Corona



Deathstroke sketches by Carmine Di Giandomenico

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SERIES
THROUGHOUT
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